

Jim Cillo

## Renee Sloan

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**From:** Joe DiRienzi Sr.  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2023 11:16 AM  
**To:** James Cillo; Demetre Alexander Vrynios  
**Cc:** Joe DiRienzi Jr.; Renee Sloan; Rami Yitzhak; Roni Elias  
**Subject:** RE: 17601 Captiva.....Bamboo Installation .....cabinets  
**Attachments:** IMG\_2643.heic; IMG\_2638.heic

Jim,

Sorry to beat a dead horse here but the plywood in yours and all houses (just confirmed this morning) is NOT 2 layers of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " it is only 1 layer of  $\frac{3}{4}$ ". The floor you have chosen in your home ..the manufacturer spec specifically requires minimum 1-1/8" sub-floor on joists that are 24" o.c. which the joists are also confirmed 24" o.c. in your home. This would mean to meet the manufacturer specs for the floor install to be done properly, 1 layer of at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ " plywood should be installed (glued and screwed or nailed which we recommend screwed 8" o.c.) over the 1 layer of existing  $\frac{3}{4}$ " subfloor. If you had this finish floor previously in your house it was not installed per spec which of course is your call if you want us to use your original installer. We would just need all this in writing for documentation purposes to release us of liability for not having it installed properly per manufacturers specs.

On a separate note, do you have a copy of your kitchen layout? It's a bit hard trying to figure out what was going on in your house with the cabinets and island the way it was left after demo. A layout would be very beneficial. And in looking at the existing base cabinets closer it's going to be very difficult to match the base boxes to the remaining uppers because they are face frame cabinets not full overlays, not to mention if it can even be done it will be pretty expensive to just replace bases vs replacing all the cabinets just starting over with new bases, new uppers, and new vanities. On top of all this there are still cabinets installed that have signs of mold in them which is even more an indication when they are removed the walls behind them will have moisture and mold that had not been remediated properly.

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**From:** James Cillo <jamescillo@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 21, 2023 12:01 PM  
**To:** Demetre Alexander Vrynios <demetre@ebgcontracting.com>; Joe DiRienzi Sr. <joe.dirienzi.sr@elias-brothers.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Bamboo Installaiton

The subfloor is double 3/4 ply, equivalent to 1 1/2"  
Ralph is going to send an updated quote including the purchase and installation of vapor barrier. I'm good with him doing the install. In fact, I prefer him doing the email. This should eliminate any liability from Elias. Jim Cillo  
Please forward to Joe jr as I do not have his email.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2023, at 11:52 AM, James Cillo <[jamescillo@icloud.com](mailto:jamescillo@icloud.com)> wrote:

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On Jan 21, 2023, at 11:47 AM, Demetre Alexander Vrynios <[demetre@ebgcontracting.com](mailto:demetre@ebgcontracting.com)> wrote:

Jim,

This email is to address concerns Elias Brothers has regarding your bamboo floor. I'd like to point out and cover a handful of items, then get your acknowledgment on them prior to install. We understand you're comfortable scheduling Ralph with Bella Flooring to nail the floor covering in. Prior to scheduling, we need confirmation from you acknowledging the following.

- Specifications per the product require a subfloor of 1 1/8 inch to nail these planks down, correct install would require additional plywood installed on top of the existing subfloor. Ralphs quote does not include this.
- Specifications per the product require a vapor barrier on subfloors. Ralph's quote does not include this.
- Elias Brother is not able to guarentee quality of installation from a outside contractor provided by the home owner, or offer a warrenty in the event of improperly installed planks.

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I've attached the specifications for install to this email for your review.

Thank you,

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